

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
Northern District of California

IGNACIO ALFARO,

Plaintiff,

v.

WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, now  
doing business as JPMORGAN CHASE  
BANK, N.A.,

Defendant.

No. C 11-06385 MEJ

**ORDER REFERRING CASE TO ADR  
UNIT FOR ASSESSMENT  
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE**

Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 16-8 and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Local Rule 2-3, the Court refers this foreclosure-related action to the ADR Unit for a telephone conference to assess this case's suitability for mediation or a settlement conference. The parties shall participate in a telephone conference, to be scheduled by the ADR Unit as soon as possible, but no later than January 31, 2012

The parties shall be prepared to discuss the following subjects:

- (1) Identification and description of claims and alleged defects in loan documents.
- (2) Prospects for loan modification.
- (3) Prospects for settlement.

The parties need not submit written materials to the ADR Unit for the telephone conference. In preparation for the telephone conference, Plaintiff shall do the following:

- (1) Review relevant loan documents and investigate the claims to determine whether they have merit.
- (2) If Plaintiff is seeking a loan modification to resolve all or some of the claims, Plaintiff shall prepare a current, accurate financial statement and gather all of the information and documents customarily needed to support a loan modification request. Further, Plaintiff shall immediately notify Defendants' counsel of the request for a loan modification.

- 1 (3) Provide counsel for Defendants with information necessary to evaluate the  
2 prospects for loan modification, in the form of a financial statement, worksheet  
or application customarily used by financial institutions.

3 In preparation for the telephone conference, Defendant(s) shall do the following.

- 4 (1) If Defendants are unable or unwilling to do a loan modification after receiving  
5 notice of Plaintiff's request, counsel for Defendants shall promptly notify  
6 Plaintiff to that effect.  
7 (2) Arrange for a representative of each Defendant with full settlement authority to  
participate in the telephone conference.

8 The ADR Unit will notify the parties of the date and time the telephone conference will be  
9 held. After the telephone conference, the ADR Unit will advise the Court of its recommendation for  
10 further ADR proceedings.

11 The February 9, 2012 hearing on Defendants' motion to dismiss is VACATED pending  
12 resolution of this ADR process.

13 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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15 Dated: January 9, 2012

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18 Chief United States Magistrate Judge  
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